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SUBJECT: REACTION TO DECISION TO LIFT THE EMBARGO

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1. PRIME MINISTER CARAMANLIS CONVOKKD A FULL MEETING  
OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS THE EVENING OF APRIL 11  
DURING WHICH, ACCORDING TO THE MEDIA, HE DISCUSSED,  
AMONG OTHER SUBJECTS, THE USG'S DECISION TO SEEK RE-  
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PEAL OF THE ARMS EMBARGO AGAINST TURKEY. CARAMANLIS  
RJPORTEDLY ALSO UNDERLINED THAT GREECE HAD ENTERED  
A CRITICAL AND DECISIVE STATE, WHILE STRESSING THE NEED  
FOR NATIONAL UNITY TOGETHER WITH RESPONSIBLE AND WISE  
LEADERSHIP. THE CABINET MEETING WAS THE PRINCIPAL ITEM  
IN THE APRIL 12 REPORTING ON DEVELOPMENTS CONNECTED  
WITH THE TURKISH ARMS EMBARGO.

2. AMBASSADOR MCCLOSKEY'S CALL ON PRIMX MINISTER CARAMANLIS YESTERDAY ALSO RECEIVED CONSIDERABLE PLAY IN THE PRESS AND WAS PORTRAYED AS BEING RELATED TO THE EMBARGO ISSUE, ALTHOUGH THE PRESS ACKNOWLEDGED THIS WAS NOT CONFIRMED OFFICIALLY. THE MEETING WAS CHARACTERIZED AS A "PROTOCOL" VISIT BY OFFICIAL SOURCES. THE PRESS CONTENDED, NEVERTHELESS, THAT SINCE THE ENCOUNTER HAD LASTED FOR ABOUT AN HOUR, IT MUST HAVE BEEN MORE THAN JUST A COURTESY CALL. GENERALLY, THE NEWSPAPERS SPECULATED THAT CARAMANLIS HAD REPEATED HIS VIEWS ALONG THE LINES OF HIS APRIL 7 STATEMENT. IN REPLY, THE PRESS SPECULATED THAT AMBASSADOR MCCLOSKEY PRESENTED THE USG POSITION, EXPLAINING THAT THE DECISION WAS BASED ON THE NEED TO NORMALIZE US-TURKISH RELATIONS AND THAT THE U.S. HAD RECEIVED ASSURANCES THE TURKS WOULD SUBMIT REASONABLE PROPOSALS ON CYPRUS.

3. THE PRESS ALSO NOTED THE EXPECTATIONS THAT THE TURKISH PROPOSALS ON CYPRUS WOULD PROBABLY BE DELIVERED TOMORROW TO UNSYG WALDHEIM IN VIENNA. SOME CONCERN WAS VOICED THAT THE PROPOSALS WOULD BE IN SUMMARY FORM AND WOULD NOT BE SATISFACTORY FROM THE GREEK CYPRIOT VIEWPOINT. THE POSTPONEMENT OF THE MEETING BETWEEN THE GREEK AND TURKISH FMA SECRETARIES GENERAL WAS ALSO SAID BY THE MEDIA TO HAVE COME ABOUT AS A CONSEQUENCE

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OF THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE U.S. INTENTION TO LIFT THE EMBARGO.

4. THE PRESS CONTINUED TO REPORT ON GREEK-AMERICAN REACTION TO THE ADMINISTRATION'S DECISION ON THE EMBARGO, NOTING THERE WOULD BE A PROTEST MARCH ON THE WHITE HOUSE THIS COMING WEEKEND. THE MEDIA ALSO REFERRED TO THE ARTICLE APPEARING ON THE EMBARGO IN THE CURRENT ISSUE OF TIME MAGAZINE, AND SPECIFICALLY SENATOR JAVITS' ASSESSMENT THE SENATE WOULD REJECT THE REQUEST TO LIFT THE EMBARGO.

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